Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club
Membership Meeting
January 29, 2004

The meeting was called to order by Brian, K9LCQ, the club's vice president. The microphone was passed for introductions.

Tom, AB9EK, read the minutes of the November membership meeting. A motion was made by Howard and seconded by Sherm to accept the minutes as read. Motion passed.

Joe, N9UX the new club treasurer, thanked Mark AB9CD for the help in the transfer of the treasurer's records to him. Joe gave the treasurer's report for the months of December and January. A motion was made by Sherm and seconded by Pancho to accept the report as read. Motion passed.

Sherm gave a rundown on the upcoming FM simplex contest on February 8th. He would like to see everyone get on the air and enjoy the contest. The 2 meter portion of the contest has been expanded to 45 minutes and 440,220 and 6 meters will stay at 30 minutes. Sherm also spoke about contesting and logging software that is available on the web. Just go to the ARRL web page and search under contests. Brian showed the certificate that will be given out to the winners of the FM contest.

Field Day this year is June 26th and 27th. Jerry, WA9CGE, is this year's Field Day chairman. All efforts will be on 80/40/20/15 and 10 meters. Come out and enjoy the weekend and bring along your friends. Nels, WA9YAL, and his wife will be asked again this year to do the food preparations.

Brian stated that at this time the repeater is working fine and is getting a little busier, which is good. CW practice is being done on the air on Mondays and Wednesdays' at 6:30pm.

Pancho stated that Jack, W9JK, is still laid up but is on the air from time to time so if you hear him on the repeater, give him a shout.

Tom, AB9EK, stated the club had received a certificate from the ARRL for our contribution to the Broadband over the Power line fund. Also, the club's renewed insurance certificate had been received.

Brian thanked Jerry, WA9CGE, for bring in the amp to use with the wireless microphone.

A motion was made by Pancho and seconded by Sherm to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm. Meeting adjourned. The program Antenna Wind Loading was provided by Jeff, K9VS. If you missed the program, you can download it from the club's web page.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Schulte, AB9EK
Club Secretary

Tom Schulte

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING, FEB.26, 2004

The M.R.A.C. membership meeting was called to order by the club's Treasurer, Joe, N9UX at 7:05 P.M. The portable microphone was passed for attendees introduction.

Jerry, WA9CGE, read the minutes of the January membership meeting. A motion was made by Pancho, KA9OFA, and seconded by D.J., KC9AYO, to accept the minutes as read; the motion passed.

Joe, N9UX, the club Treasurer, gave the treasurer's report, to date. It was also reported on the club's budget for the year 2004. A motion was made by Pancho, and seconded by Ken, W9MOT to accept the report as read; the motion passed.

Follows is Old Business:
Sherm, KB9Q, reported ont the FM Simplex Contest sprint of February 8. A major part of the participation was on 2 Meters and 70 Centimeters. Sherm thanked all of those who "worked" the contest and reminded all to submit their logs.

Also, the West Allis Radio Amateurs' Club (URL - "www.warac.org") is sponsoring the "Wisconsin QSO Party", March 13 - 15, "04. See QSTof Mar.,'04, pg. 100, for more information.

The Central States VHF Conference will be held in Toronto, Canada, ly 22-25, '04.

A Field Day report was made by Jerry, WA9CGE, encouraging all of our club members (and non-members) to mark their calendar, and set aside July 26th and 27th for our Operations from Pioneer Village in Ozaukee county, near Fredonia. Especially Saturday, July 26th. for the club picnic. If you were there last year -- this year will be just as great (but hopefully the rain will stay away).

Follows is New Business:

The club and the board of directors are proud to announce that Jack Kraus, W9JK, and Roger Zaun, W9UVV, have been made Life Members for their continued membership to M.R.A.C.

Joe, N9UX, made a presentation of the M.R.A.C. Finanacial Budget for the year of 2004, to include monthly meeting costs membership dues d contributions, newsletter costs, Field Day and picnic costs, and membership packets.

The membership has some questions concerning the W9RH M.R.A.C. Repeater. There were costs (only for a telephone control line, a continuing cost) but our maintenence is minimal. The repeater and the peripherals were previously owned by the club and are paid for, and it is not expected the club will incur any other costs. But, the club would like to give a big "THANK YOU" to ALL of those members and non-members who contributed their time an expertise to accomplish this effort. (The technical side of the repeater will not be discussed here.) We continue to be the "Quiet One - on 39".

A motion was made by Pancho, KA9OFA, and seconded by Sherm, KB9Q, to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 P.M. Attendance was - 39.

The program for the evening was an open forum on the latest oposal by the A.R.R.L. for amateur license changes. At the beginning , Ton, KF9PU, one of our V.E.'s, and chairman of the N.V.E.C. spoke on

some of the facets of proposed licensing changes and what the V.E.C.'s might be suggesting. Our moderator for the discussion was kindly done by Dick, W9JBE. a M.R.A.C. board member, and we thank him for his efforts. A vote was taken of those attending concerning this A.R.R.L. proposal - 18 For ; 12 Against.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jerry Wahlen, WA9CGE
Board Member

Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club
Membership Meeting
March 25, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm by Brian, K9LCQ the club's vice president. Brian explained that Kevin, KC9BZU, the club's president was still unavailable to run the meeting. The microphone was passed for introductions.

Tom, AB9EK, read the minutes from the February meeting. A motion was made by Howard AB9FH and seconded by Les AB9EY to accept the minutes as read. Motion passed.

Joe, N9UX, gave the treasurer's report for March. A motion was made by Pancho KA9OFA and seconded by Mark AB9CD. Motion passed. If you haven't paid your dues for 2004, do so now in order to continue to receive the Chatter.

Sherm, KB9Q, gave a report on the FM simplex contest. In club competition, 1ST place went to the Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club, 2ND place, Badger Contesters, 3RD place, the Milwaukee Repeater Club, 4Th place, West Allis Amateur Club and 5TH place to Door County Radio Club. Overall went to Gary N9UUR for 1ST place, and for 2ND place went to Jack N9XRO. First place in the HT 2 meter category went to Gary N9MGJ. In 2 meter high power was a tie, Gary N9UUR and Jeff K9VS. In high power 70cm and 6 meters went to Joe N9UX. In 1.25 meters there was a tie for 1ST place between Gary N9UUR , Jack N9XRO and Mark AB9CD. The club plaque has been engraved with this year's winning club (MRAC) and is on display at AES.

Jerry, WA9CGE, this year's Field Day chairman, invited everyone out for this year's event. The club picnic will be on Saturday June 26th at the Field Day site. Information on getting to Pioneer Village will be made available.

Rick, WA9GYC, stated that the amateur radio project at Boys Tech has a new contact person, but there has been no communications between this new contact person and himself.

Mark, AB9CD, stated that there have been no changes to the club's repeater. Everything is working fine. At times, the repeater is experiencing some static interference, but not sure where it's coming from.

Over the last two months, the Board has been going over the club by-laws. The Board has made some language and grammar changes to clean up the wording. You can fine the by-laws on the club's web page. The membership will vote on the changed by-laws at the April meeting.

Dave, WB9BWP, is the chairman of the nominating committee and gave a pitch to the membership asking for possible candidates for club officers. We need at least two Board members and possibl all four club officers. Dave would like to see a least two possible candidates for each office so that we can have a run off election. Nominations will be taken in April and the election in May.

Dave auctioned off some books that were provided by Del. The club's annual auction will be at the May meeting.

Brian stated that there are four proposals on the ARRL web site on licensing restructuring. The FCC is taking comments on these proposals at this time.

A question was asked on how DX on the bands have been, who's on and what bands. A discussion occurred and there has been some DX but not all that great.

The program for April will be on wire antennas by Don Michalski. We need programs/ideas. If you have a program you would like to do, let a Board member know so we can set up a time for you. If you can't do a program but have an idea, also let us know. Without ideas ,there won't be any programs.

Superfest is on April 2-3 at AES. The club will have a table and everyone is invited to man it.

A motion was made by Tom WI9TOM and seconded by John WB9PSE to adjourn the meeting at 7:52pm. Meeting adjourned.

The program was provided by Mark, AB9CD, on op amps.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Schulte, AB9EK
Club Secretary

Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club
Membership Meeting
April 29, 2004

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm by Brian, K9LCQ the club's vice president. The microphone was passed for introductions. Tonight's guest speaker is Don Michalski W9IXG our ARRL section manager.

Tom, AB9EK, read the minutes from the March membership meeting. A motion was made by Bill W9WCF and seconded by Pancho KA9OFAto approve the minutes as read. Motion passed.

Joe, N9UX, gave the treasurer's report for April. A motion was made by Don KZ9W and seconded by Pancho KA9OFA to approve the report as given. Motion passed.

Jerry, WA9CGE, reported on the upcoming Field Day, June 26th and 27th. Jerry stated that we will operate on 80 through 10 meters and 6 meters. We will have trap dipoles for the bands. We will not operate on 2 meters and 70cm since these bands have not had much activity on them over the past years during Field Day. The club's picnic will be held at the Field Day site, Pioneer Village, on Saturday afternoon June 26th. Everyone is invited to attend.

The club's by-laws have been updated and can be found on the club's web page. Mark, AB9CD, stated that the changes that the Board made were mostly grammar and punctuation changes. Mark AB9CD made a motion to approve the by-laws as presented by the Board. The motion was seconded by Les AB9EY. Motion passed.

Dave, WB9BWP chairman of the nominating committee, spoke about the club's upcoming elections in May. Dave's committee consisted of Sherm KB9Q, Jack W9ULA and himself. Dave gave a short explanation on the duties of the Directors and club Officers. We need to elect two Directors and four Officers. The following have been nominated for Director; D.J. KC9AYO, Hal Newton KB9OZN, Dave Griffin KB9PRF and Joe Sturmberg KA9ØFZ. The following have been nominated for club officer;

Treasurer Mark Tellier AB9CD, Secretary Tom Schulte AB9EK, Vice President Howard Parks AB9FH and President, **NONE**. WE NEED SOMEONE TO RUN FOR PRESIDENT. A motion was made by Pancho KA9OFA and seconded by D.J. to keep the nominations open until the May meeting. Motion passed. Nominations for officers will be accepted at the May meeting.

The club's auction is in May, so bring in your surplus equipment and make some money for yourself and the club. The club has some surplus equipment that it would like to sell at the auction. This equipment consists of a printer, scanner and a portable generator. Brian asked for a show of hands to sell off these items at the auction in May. The club approved the sale of this equipment.

The question on the attendance sheet asked if the club should continue to have meetings in July and August. Brian asked for a show of hands to continue to hold meetings in July and August. The majority wants to continue meetings during the summer months.

John, KF9AL, stated that there will be VE testing on May 28th at AES. John stated that the general test will change on July 1st. The new question pool has been out for some time. There will be a test session at the end of July. John asked the membership if they thought that there should be a testing session during the week instead of just the fourth Saturday of the month. The testing session might be held during the club meting. A show of hands was asked for and the majority said no. John stated that there had been some inquiries on the subject.

Pancho stated that Jack Krause, W9JK is in the St. Clements nursing home, Bluemound and Highway 100 across from the zoo, and is having problems with his computer. Be sure to chat with him when you hear him on the air.

Brian stated that he would clarify his article that was in the April chatter in an article in the May chatter.

A question was asked if a membership renewal form could be placed on the club web page. Mark will get a PDF file to Howard so that he can put this on the web page.

A question was asked about the club holding a technician class any time soon. Mark stated that there have been some inquiries on the subject and a class would be 6-8 weeks long. Mark stated that an extra class would be taught starting some time in September.

Warren K9IZV, summarized the responses to the question on the attendance sheet; 30 yes to continue meetings in July and August, 4 no, 6 no answer, 5 questionable and 2 maybe.

A motion was made by Tom WI9TOM and seconded by Mark AB9CD to adjourn the meeting at 8:03pm. Meeting adjourned.

Tonight's program is on wire antennas provided by Don Michalski, W9IXG. Everyone in attendance tonight received a ticket for some prizes that were provided by Don, an antenna book and repeater directories.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Schulte, AB9EK
Club Secretary

Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club
Membership Meeting
May 27, 2004

Mark, AB9CD, called the meeting to order at 7:10pm. Kevin, KB9BZU the club's president, was not present and Brian, K9LCQ the club's vice president, had lost his voice. The microphone was passed for introductions.

Tom, AB9EK, read the minutes from the April club meeting. A motion was made by Pancho, KA9OFA, and seconded by Jerry, WA9CGE, to accept the minutes as read. Motion passed.

Joe, N9UX gave the treasurer's report. A motion was made by Pancho, KA9OFA, and seconded by Mike, KC9CMT, to accept the report as read. Motion passed.

Jerry, WA9CGE, reported on the club's upcoming Field Day/ Club picnic on June 26 and 27 at Pioneer Village. Everyone is invited to attend. Remember the club's picnic is on Saturday June 26th rain or shine. We are indoors; so don't let the rain (nice sunny dry weekend, right!) stop you from attending.

Sherm, KB9Q, had a question on the club's repeater. He stated that he has had some trouble hearing the repeater in some locations that he had heard it before. Mark stated that the repeater is working fine.

May is election time for club officers and two directors. There were no more nominations for club officers or directors so nominations were closed. The following were nominated for club officers;

President: Vacant
Vice President: Howard Parks AB9FH, elected unanimously.
Secretary: Tom Schulte AB9EK, elected unanimously.
Treasurer: Mark Tellier AB9CD, elected unanimously.

The following were nominated for Directors:

D.J. KC9AYO with 16 votes.
Joe Sturmberg KA9DFZ with 30 votes.
Hal Newton KB9OZN with 34 votes.
Dave Griffin KB9PRF with 15 votes.

The two new Directors are Joe KA9DFZ and Hal KB9OZN.

A motion to adjourn was made by Pancho and seconded by Fred KC9WW at 7:33pm. Meeting adjourned. The program for the night was the club's auction.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Schulte, AB9EK
Club Secretary

Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club
Membership Meeting
June 24, 2004

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Brian, K9LCQ. Due to a funeral upstairs and church pictures being taken next to us, we had to keep the noise down so no introductions were made. Since nominations for President were left open from the last two meetings, Brian asked if there were any nominations for president at this time. Les AB9EY nominated Patrick W9UQ for president and Sherm KB9Q seconded the nomination. Patrick accepted the nomination and was voted in by a unanimous decision.

Tom, AB9EK, read the minutes from the May meeting. Sherm KB9Q made a motion to accept as read. Pancho KA9OFA seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Joe, N9UX gave the treasurer's report for June. A motion to accept the report as given was made by Patrick W9UQ and seconded by Pancho KA9OFA. Motion passed.

Brian stated that we have two new visitors to the meeting, Rob and Kevin Scott. Brian also passed out an updated newsletter on the USS Des Moines, the ship that a group is trying to get moved to the Milwaukee harbor.

Mark, AB9CD, gave an update on the repeater. Everything is working fine and a new tape was put into the answering machine. Mark also stated that the article on a video projector that was in the chatter was there for a reason. That reason is that the club has been thinking of purchasing one to be used for our presentations at the membership meeting.

At 7:10 pm Brian introduced the new club officers; President Patrick W9UQ, Vice president Howard AB9FH, Secretary Tom AB9EK and Treasurer Mark AB9CD. The meeting was turned over to Patrick.

Patrick stated that he wants the club to continue on as we have been, and would like to get classes started up again.

Mark stated that there has been interest in an extra and technician class for this fall. The Board would make the decision on which class will be taught. Mark will contact those who have requested a class as soon as a discussion is made. Mark also stated that there is not much participation going on with the code on the air class.

Joe, KA9DFZ, would like to start up a program called Buzz Talk at the club meetings. This would allow anyone to share his or her experiences on the bands. This will be a regular item on the agenda for the club meetings starting next month.

The club was informed that George Pfister, W9IZQ has passed away.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25pm was made by Pancho and seconded by Les. Meeting adjourned. Jerry WA9CGE provided the program on Field Day.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Schulte, AB9EK
Club Secretary

Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club
Membership Meeting
July 29, 2004

Meeting called to order at 7:10p.m. by Howard AB9FH, the club's vice president. The microphone was passed for introductions.

Buzz talk is something new that started this month. Rick W9GYT reports that six meters has been open and made aurora contacts to Wales and Portugal on cw. Jack W9ULA reports that on the 10-meter net that a ham from Georgia checked in. Joe KA9DZF reports that 40 meters has been open to the New England states. Warren K9IZV reports that he talked with a Marek SP1JRF on the repeater. Marek was located on a ship that was docked here in Milwaukee. Tom AB9EK reported on operating on RTTY for the first time on 20-meters. Sherm KB9Q reported on the activity on 60-meters. He stated that local hams in Alabama are using the band for local communications. Buck K9RYW reported on his PSK activity on 40-meters to New Zealand.

Tom AB9EK read the minutes from the June meeting. A motion was made by Pancho KA9OFA and seconded by Les AB9EY to approve the minutes as read. Motion passed.

Tom AB9EK gave the financial report for June 16th to July 15th. A motion was made by Tom WI9TOM and seconded by Sherm KB9Q to approve the report as read. Motion passed.

Howard explained the Mark AB9CD had resigned as treasurer and that Tom AB9EK is doing the treasurer duties. We are looking for someone to take over the treasurer's job.

Tom AB9EK reported that the Field Day equipment is now being stored at his QTH. Jerry WA9CGE did not have a report ready on the club's Field Day event.

Howard AB9FH stated that he had heard secondhand of some complaints on how the presidential election was held. He stated that if you have any questions on the matter to bring it up to the Board.

Tom KF9PU was reelected as the NCVEC chairman for 2005. Tom reported on the NCVEC conference he attended. He stated that the code will be around for at least a year or so and that cw exams will continue. Also the FCC is looking at 18 items for possible change including license and band restricting. Tom suggests that all amateur's contact their elected officials and suggest they look into lowering the vanity license fee, which now cost around $50.00. The FCC web page is being update to make it more user friendly and should be ready sometime this fall. The NCVEC web page address is www.NCVEC.org. Tom also stated that the remote testing on July 17th in Alaska over the Internet had been successful. The program will now be active in Alaska.

Howard and Tom talked about the possible Technician class the club would like to start up. It would be a two-day class with testing afterwards. We are trying to get the West Allis Club and Menomonee Falls club involved. Mark AB9CD and Tom KF9PU both stated that the VEC would not get involved with testing right after a teaching session. They feel it might be a conflict of interest. They suggest holding a class that would end a week before a test session. Tom stated that this is still under discussion and would bring the concerns of the VEC to the Board. If we do this, we would need about six or more instructors.

Howard had a question on the sign up sheet. It asked if you have visited the club's web page. Howard is looking for comments on how to improve it or any suggestions on things to add. Mark AB9CD stated that there should be buttons for links to the club's forms instead of word links to make it easier to find. Send your comments to Howard.

Mark AB9CD asks that you clean up after yourself so others don't have to at the end of the meeting.

There is VEC testing on July 31st at AES.

Pancho asks if you have an article for the Chatter to get it to him by the 7th of the month.

A motion was made by Pancho KA9OFA and seconded by Tom WI9TOM to adjourn the meeting at 7:48pm. Meeting adjourned. Howard AB9FH provided the program on fox hunting.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Schulte, AB9EK
Club Secretary

Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club
Membership Meeting
August 26, 2004

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm by club president Patrick W9UQ. The microphone was passed for introductions. We welcome our visitor from Nebraska, Russell Cox, KC0ECT, who is attending school in Milwaukee.

Tom, AB9EK, read the minutes from the July meeting. A motion was made by Pancho KA9OFA and seconded by Brian K9LCQ, to accept the minutes as read. Motion passed.

The treasurer report for the month of August was given by Tom AB9EK. A motion was made by Sherm KB9Q and seconded by Pancho to accept the report as given. Motion passed.

Mark, AB9CD stated that the repeater had recycled itself on Sunday the 22nd. Mark did not know why but the repeater seems to be functioning fine.

There was no old or new business.

A motion was made by Pancho KA9OFA and seconded by Dick WB9PTC to adjourn the meeting at 7:15pm. Meeting adjourned.

A book was donated by Del KA9ZMK to be auctioned. Pancho was the highest bidder.

The program for the evening was a discussion on what the club members expect from the club and the Board, and what the Board expects from the members. A questionnaire was passed around asking club members what they thought of the club's newsletter. Should it be left as is or change? The results will be made known at the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Schulte, AB9EK
Club Secretary

Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club
Membership Meeting
September 30, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Patrick W9UQ, the club's president. The microphone was passed for introductions. We had a guest, Jim N9QOJ, from ITT, who is looking for someone to give some students a demonstration on Amateur Radio. Patrick stated he would do this but would like to see others volunteer also.

Tom AB9EK read the minutes from the August meeting. The treasurer's report was also given. Patrick asked if there were any corrections to either the minutes or the treasurer's report. There were no corrections and both reports were accepted as given.

Patrick gave the results of the survey that was taken at the August meeting on the chatter. The results showed the chatter should not be changed. Some suggestions were to add the times for the code on the air class and included emergency procedures for on the air activities.

The next item on the agenda was a discussion on the club's committees. Patrick stated that the Board has come up with the following committees.

1. Events Committee: Which includes Field Day (we need a chairman), Christmas Party, Jota (Jamboree on the Air), Displays at ham fests and the FM contest (chairman is Sherm KB9Q).
2. Technical Committee: Chairman is Mark AB9CD, Jerry WA9CGE and Dave WB9BWP is also on the committee.
3. PR Committee: Includes membership and club promotions. Joe Sturmberg KA9DZF is chairman.
4. Education Administration: Chairman is Howard Parks AB9FH.
5. Refreshments: Ted Stiller WA9RDI
6. Raffle: Tom Sherlowsky, N9VFS

Patrick announced that Dave DeFebo WB9BWP would be the new trustee of the club's call, W9RH, since Jim Tromblay WB9LNU now lives up north. We would like to thank Jim for the fine job he has done for the club. Jim is still a member but most likely will not be at many meeting sine he lives some distance from our meeting location.

Sherm KB9Q stated that the FM contest would be sometime in February 2005 and that the rules should remain the same. He has asked for $30.00 to print flyers. Patrick stated this would be taken up at the next Board meeting.

Jerry WA9CGE stated that he had invited other amateurs to use our repeater. More participation on our two and ten meter nets.

Mark AB9CD had purchased a new answering machine to be used at the repeater site. There has been a problem with the old one for some time.

Brian K9LCQ has purchased and donated a new wireless microphone for the club. This will be a backup to the one we are using now. Thank you Brian.

Buzz Talk; Dick Wood W9JBE talked about his radio activity while on his vacation out west. Brian K9LCQ suggested possible field trip to the Sullivan weather center if enough members are interested. He will look into this.

A motion was made by Pancho Ka9OFA and seconded by Tom WI9TOM to adjourn the meeting at 7:35pm. Meeting adjourned.

The program as provided by Dick W9JBE on lighting protection.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Schulte, AB9EK
Club Secretary

Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club
Membership meeting
November 18, 2004

The meeting was held at Redemption Lutheran Church.

W9UQ	Patrick Moretii	President	absent
AB9FH	Howard Parks	Vice-president	Presiding
K9LCQ	Brian White	Secretary (acting)	present
AB9EK	Tom Schulte	Treasurer	absent
KA9OFA	Pancho Doneis	Director	present
WA9CGE	Jerry Wahlen	Director	absent
W9JBE	Dick Wood	Director	absent
KA9DFZ	Joe Sturmberg	Director	present
KB9OZN	Hal Newton	Director	present

There were 34 individuals present, members, guests, and board members

Call to order:
The meeting was called to order by club vise-president Howard, AB9FH at 7:10PM with a brief introduction.
The membership then introduced themselves by name and callsign.

Old Business:
Meeting minutes:
Howard, AB9FH read the minutes from the last membership meeting. After the reading of the minutes Howard asked for a motion to accept the minutes as read. A motion was made by Hal and seconded by Pancho. The motion was passed by a voice vote.

Treasurers Report:
Due to Tom, AB9EK being absent and the lack of an up to date treasurers report, no treasurer's report was read.

Buzz Talk:
Howard then proceeded to 'Buzz talk' where several members discussed ham related act ivies from the pass month.

NWS Tour:
Howard passed around a signup sheet seeking the names of those that would like to take a tour of the National Weather Service Forecast Office near Sullivan, WI. We would need at least 10 to arrange a tour. 14 signed-up. Brian K9LCQ will now contact the NSW to make the arrangements.

FM Simplex Contest:
Howard then moved on to discuss the MRAC FM simplex contest to be held in January, the rules and have been printed. Thanks to Mark AB9CD for his help in the printing.

Filed Day:
Howard then discussed Field Day mentioning that we are in search of a Field Day chairman. No one stepped forward. If anyone is interested in heading the Field Day please contact the MRAC board.

Several comments were received from the membership concerning Field Day.

Discussed continued concerning the inventory of club equipment. A plea went out asking any member who has club equipment to make a list and turn that list into the Board of Field Day chairman.

Repeater update:
Mark, AB9CD gave a brief status update on the repeater. The system is working well and Dave, WB9BWP is working on new tag lines for the system.

Christmas Party:
Vern, W9RYA asked for a show of hands for those members planning on attending the Christmas on Dec 5, so that he can make the reservation. We will be ordering off the menu as this has proved to be more economical then the buffet used in the pass.

Web service provider:
Howard mentioned that the club should seek a new web service provider.

Howard estimates the annual cost to be $100. Howard continued to explain the reasoning for a new provider. Our current Web hosting service although very generous (free) it is often unavailable prompting complaints from users. As a club we do donate funds to the provider. The email account we currently use expiries in March. The member who donates an email address off his dial-up account has changed to a DSL provider. Therefore, he is allowing his dial-up account to expire. This necessitates the club find another provider. One of the major advantages of this account is the ability to automatically forward any email received at w9rh@arrl.net to the club officers.

He was suggested that the $100 fee was reasonable and that the board has decided to spend the money.

Howard asked for a motion to spend the money. No motion was made as objections were raised to why the board decided to change providers and spend the money without consulting the membership. There was a very lengthy back and forth discussion concerning the website and the spending of the $100.

Mark, AB9CD indicated that if we do change he may have a source for anther free site.

Howard will write an article for the January Chatter and a vote will be taken then to seek a new Internet Service Provider or stay with our current provider at the January meeting.

Promotional Flyer:
Howard asked Joe, KA9DFZ to introduce the promotional flyer. Joe passed around the amateur radio promotional flyer he designed. The cost to reproduce the flyer in black and white would be about 7 cents while a color version about 80 cents. Discussion ensued on how to bring the color reproduction cost down. There was no resolution.
Joe also described his effort to get different school districts to accept the flyers. Joe contacted 6 school districts Milwaukee, Waukesha, Wauwatosa, West Allis/West Milwaukee joint, Menomonee Falls and Brookfield. Waukesha denied access; Joe will purse the matter further. Milwaukee is proving to be difficult. Wauwatosa has requested a flyer for review, Menomonee Falls has asked for 6 flyers and likes the idea.

There was considerable discussion on the promotion effort. However, several

concerns were raised as well as questions were asked on how to handle the potential in flux of new hams. One of the suggestions was to have an operating station at the meetings. Another we should we have demonstrations? All were good ideas.

The board was left with a mandate from the membership that the Board needs to develop a plan before continuing with the promotion idea. Joe will lead this effort as appointed by Howard.

Auction:
Howard asked Dave, WB9BWP to auction of a number of items.

Del KA9ZMK donated 3 kits:
1.) QRP receiver for 7.040MHz
2.) QRP transmitter for 7.040MHz
3.) Mono audio preamp

Bill, W9WCF
2 Antenna books

Dave successful auctioned off all items with proceeds going to the club treasury. Thanks to Del, Bill and Dave.

NEW BUSINESS:

Suggestion:
Ted, WA9RDI wants the board to consider allowing the members to bring equipment to club meetings to sell to other members. The board will consider this at the next board meeting.

Repeater talk:
Mark, AB9CD mentioned that there have been a lot of misleading comments being heard the repeater lately. Most notably those comments that state the repeater is not busy. Please do not make such comments when they are not based in fact. Often times these comments can be heard within minutes of a lengthy QSO ending.

From Mark's observation our repeater generates as much traffic as other repeaters. Mark also mentioned that we have several regular scheduled QSO's.

There was no further new business.

Due to the extreme length of the business meeting the round table discussion was cancelled for the evening.

Adjournment:
The meeting was adjourned at 8:40PM.

Respectively submitted,
Brian White, K9LCQ - acting secretary